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A FIRST FOR JERSEY CITY'S ARTISTS STUDIO TOUR *Jersey City Art Fair at the Beacon Featuring Cutting-Edge Artwork from more than Forty of the City's Finest Artists*

JERSEY CITY- Mayor Jerramiah T. Healy, the Municipal Council, and the Dept. of Health & Human Services/Division of Cultural Affairs in conjunction with ProArts, the Jersey City Museum, the Hudson Reporter, and the Victory Arts Projects host "Jersey City Art Fair at the Beacon" as part of the annual Jersey City Artists Studio Tour.

A sneak preview of the group exhibit a *Jersey City Art Fair at the Beacon* will be held from **6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.** on **Thursday, October 1, 2009** at The Beacon, located at 4 Beacon Way (at Montgomery Street) in Jersey City. This event, the first art fair in the city's history, will feature cutting-edge artworks from more than forty of the city's finest artists.

During the **Sneak Preview Reception** visitors will be welcomed with a wine and cheese reception, get a sneak preview of the artwork, and mingle with nationally and internationally recognized artists, curators, gallery owners, and the arts community. *Jersey City Art Fair at the Beacon* is generously sponsored by The Beacon.

Participating artists include Brendan Carroll, Christine Barney, Christian Winslow, Kimberley Wiseman, Barbara Lands, Jill Scorpion, Joyce Zielaznicki, William Rodwell, Peter Bill, Loura van der Meule, Edward Fausty, Feng Xiao Liu, Katrina Bello, Beth Achenbach, Frank Bosco, Kirk Bray, Brenda Buck, Thomas John Carlson, Steven Cimini, Beth DiCara, Dylan Egon, Eileen Ferara, Jaz Graf, Megan Klim, E. Jan Kounitz, Mike McNamara, Duda Penteado, Orlando Reyes, John Ruddy, Martina Solej, Leon Yost, Erma Yost, Scott Taylor, Jen Parisio, Mey Mey Lim, and Graham McNamara.

The **Jersey City Artists Studio Tour** is a **FREE self-guided walking tour** featuring galleries, artist studios and ad hoc exhibition sites from **Noon - 6:00 p.m.** on the weekend of **Saturday, October 3rd** and **Sunday, October 4th**. A **Kick-off Celebration** will be held from **6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.** on **Friday, October 2nd** at **Grace Church, 39 Erie Street**.

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For the past nineteen years, the **Jersey City Artists Studio Tour** has featured a diverse selection of styles and artistic disciplines, from avant-garde video sculpture to traditional oil painting. Throughout the years, the tour has grown to become one of Jersey City's defining cultural events, attracting artists from throughout Northeast New Jersey and the New York metropolitan area.

Artwork on view will be available for purchase during the kickoff reception, and throughout the Studio Tour Weekend. Jersey City Museum docents will be onsite during the reception and throughout the weekend to answer questions and guide guests through the art fair.

Valet parking is available at The Beacon for a fee of \$5.

For more information regarding *Jersey City Art Fair at the Beacon* or the **Jersey City Artists Studio Tour**, please call the **Division of Cultural Affairs** at (201) 547-6921 or visit www.jerseycitynj.gov

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